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SUBJ: USE OF NTA IN DETERGENT MANUFACTURING

1. COMMISSION REYNALDO M. LESACA OF NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION HAS WRITTEN TO AMBASSADOR, REQUESTING INFORMATION ON NITRILOTRIACETIC ACIDS (NTA) WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS IS BANNED IN MANY COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF ITS TOXIC EFFECTS. QUERY IS PROMPTED BY DESIRE OF DETERGENT MAKERS TO USE NTA AS SUBSTITUTE FOR SODIUM TRIPOLYHOSPHATES (STPP) WHICH IS IN SHORT SUPPLY LOCALLY.

2. SPECIFICALLY, LESACA WISHES ANSWER TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS --

A. WHETHER U.S. IS USING NTA IN DETERGENT MANUFACTURING

B. IF USED, WHAT ARE POSSIBLE EFFECTS WHEN INCORPORATED IN LOCALLY PRODUCED DETERGENT PRODUCTS.

C. ANY PROPOSED LIMITATIONS AS TO ITS MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE IN LIMITED PRODUCTS.

3. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OBTAINING DESIRED INFO FROM COMPETENT AGENCY.

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